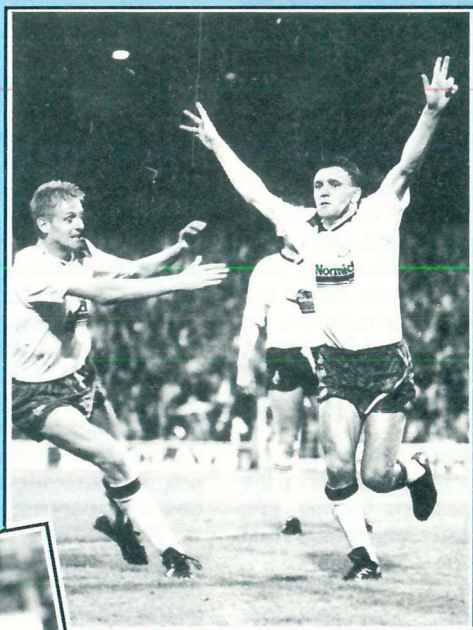


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Introduction

It was a great disappointment that after 62 league and cup games, the most ever played by the Club in one season, the team eventually ran out of steam and missed out on their ambitions of second division football.

Having said that, 1989/90 was a further step up the ladder for the club with sixth position being the best since relegation from division two in 1983. Only once during the season did the Wanderers drop out of the top six, briefly during November and December, when the marathon Littlewoods Cup tie with Swindon Town began to bite into playing resources.

The matches with the Wiltshire club, one of the teams of the season despite their off the field problems, were perhaps the highlight with 450 minutes of entertaining football that were a credit to the game.

By the return of the year the Wanderers still had realistic hopes of a top two place, four points behind leaders Notts County with a game in hand, and also through to the knock-out stages of the Leyland DAF Cup.

Eventual winners Tranmere ended Bolton's hopes of a return to Wembley in the

Northern semi finals during February but it was the following month when league form took a turn for the worse.

Only three victories in the final fifteen league games left everyone bemused as to the sudden loss of form, but a point from a goalless draw at Swansea on the final Saturday of the season at least gave the Wanderers the chance of promotion via the play offs.

The opponents were Notts County who had finished in third place some eighteen points in front of Bolton. Both clubs had won their respective home games against each other earlier in the season but Wanderers looked jaded as they went down 3-1 on aggregate with both games attracting each club's best attendance of the term.

And so 1990/91 promises much after last season's 'near miss' but it all has to be done again and nothing can be taken for granted. Of the teams that took part in the play offs in 1989, both Preston and Fulham struggled against relegation last season whilst Bristol Rovers won the championship. Let's hope that the Wanderers can follow in Bristol Rovers footsteps.



Bolton line up before they kick off against Motherwell in the Isle of Man.

Back—S. Storer, K. Rose, B. Cowdrill, D. Felgate, T. Philliskirk, M. Winstanley, D. Reeves, D. Crombie, J. Chandler.

Front—J. Darby, P. Brown, R. Savage, S. Thompson, N. Brookman, I. Stevens, M. Jeffrey.

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Sherpa Van Trophy winners 1989.

Back—D. Crombie, M. Came, D. Felgate, K. Rose, G. Gray, M. Winstanley, B. Cowdrill.

Middle—S. Carroll, G. Brown, P. Brown, J. Darby, D. Reeves, T. Philliskirk, S. Thompson, S. Storer, G. Henshaw, M. Jeffrey, E. Simpson.

Front—I. Stevens, N. Fisher, P. Hughes, N. Brookman, M. Brown, P. Neal, D. Roberts, J. Chandler, R. Savage, N. Spooner.

The Wanderers kicked off the season on 22nd July with a private game against Manchester United who fielded new signings Mike Phelan and Neil Webb. Tony Philliskirk and David Reeves pulled on a Bolton shirt for the first time but the first division side ran out 2-1 winners.

A day later the opponents were Motherwell in the resort of Castletown on the Isle of Man. A 29th minute goal from Duggie Arnott won the game for the Scots whose pre-season preparations were more advanced due to their league season kicking off earlier.

A Mike Jeffrey goal defeated League of Ireland side Dundalk at Ramsay, a game which saw £20,000 signing from Hereford, keeper Kevin Rose play his first competitive match for the club.

The final game on the Island, again at Ramsay, was a third place play off against Swansea City. Steve Thompson fired home an 11th minute penalty but the Welshmen

came from behind to win with goals from Paul Raynor and Stewart Phillips.

Motherwell won the tournament by defeating Scottish Premier League rivals St. Mirren 2-1 in the final.



Dean Crombie in action against Motherwell in Castletown.

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August 1989



David Reeves scores after 20 seconds against Burnley at Turf Moor.

David Reeves, whose transfer fee from Sheffield Wednesday had still to be fixed by a tribunal, took just 20 seconds to put Bolton in front against Burnley at Turf Moor in the Lancashire Manx Cup. The Wanderers who were holders of the trophy went two up, again through Reeves, but Burnley levelled the scores during the second half with goals from Peter Mumby and Andy Farrell.

Trevor Morgan's transfer to Hong Kong club Lei Sun was called off after they dropped their offer from £8,000 to £7,000 for the much travelled striker, whilst Gary Owen arrived at Burnden on trial and made his debut in a 1-0 defeat at Wigan where Don Page scored the first half match winner.

The Wanderers took a break from Lancashire Cup football to take on Manchester City at Burnden in Nat Lofthouse's testimonial. A crowd of 8783 saw Trevor Morley break the deadlock 12 minutes from time and Ian Bishop hit a second seven minutes later to give City a flattering 2-0 win.

Two goals in the opening quarter of an hour from Mike Jeffrey shocked Blackburn

Rovers at Burnden. Although Rovers could afford to lose and still qualify for the Lancashire Cup final they didn't expect to go three down in the 27th minute when Robbie Savage saw his intended cross drift into the top corner of the net.

Soon after, Phil Brown had to go off injured which was a common place sight in the pre-season programme, the Wanderers losing players through injury which had denied Phil Neal of having a settled side ready for the new campaign. Simon Garner grabbed a late consolation for Rovers but Bolton were well worth their 3-1 win.

The new league season kicked off 90 seconds early at Cardiff and the Wanderers didn't hang around by forcing two early corners before taking a 4th minute lead. Tony Philliskirk latched onto a poor back pass just outside the Cardiff penalty area and cut inside before chipping a delightful shot high into the net.

Julian Darby opened his account for the season when he collected a Philliskirk pass before running forward to shot home from 35

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yards in the 32nd minute. Cardiff were unable to create any real chances and when they did manage a shot on target, keeper Kevin Rose preferred to Dave Felgate, was always in control as Bolton recorded their first away success on the opening day since 1977.

After the revelations that Michael Knighton, the multi-millionaire who almost bought Manchester United, had tried to join the Wanderers before he went to Old Trafford the Club was brought back down to earth. A 21 match unbeaten run came to an end in the uncelubrious surroundings of Spotland against Rochdale in the first leg of the Littlewoods Cup first round.

Steve Thompson shot the Wanderers ahead after only 10 minutes from the penalty spot after Tony Philliskirk had been fouled by ex Bolton YTS keeper Keith Welch. Kevin Rose was caught out three minutes from half time by Mick Holmes' 30 yard chip for Rochdale's equaliser and Wayne Goodison secured a first leg advantage for them with a 25 yard volley in the 64th minute.

Dave Felgate returned to goal for the first home league game of the season against Fulham. A 0-0 draw resulted with the Londoners manager, Ray Lewington, apologising for

their spoiling tactics due to injuries.

Phil Brown made his 400th football league appearance and kept up his everpresent tag since joining the Wanderers twelve months previous.

It took only two minutes for the Wanderers to level the scores in the second leg of the Littlewoods cup tie with Rochdale, Tony Philliskirk leading a five goal charge. David Reeves, Robbie Savage, Barry Cowdrill and Julian Darby also getting in on the act and they could even afford the luxury of Steve Thompson missing a first half penalty. Dale finished the game with only 10 men after the dismissal of Peter Ward although Willie Burns hit a consolation goal for them as Wanderers ran out 6-3 winners on aggregate.

David Reeves became Bolton's most expensive signing in eight years when a tribunal ordered the Wanderers to pay £80,000 to Sheffield Wednesday. Wednesday retained an interest in the player with a clause entitling the Yorkshire club to 40 per cent of any future profit Wanderers make if they sell Reeves.



Robbie Savage heads Wanderers third goal in the 5-1 win over Rochdale.

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September 1989



Dean Crombie scores his first league goal for Bolton at Huddersfield Town.

Bolton looked to be repeating their success of the previous season against Huddersfield at Leeds Road when Dean Crombie shot through a crowded goalmouth in the 8th minute to score his first league goal for the club. Unfortunately the spoils were shared when in the 31st minute a blunder from Dave Felgate, who appeared to be in two minds when throwing the ball out, culminated in Keiran O'Regan hitting Town's equaliser.

Both Gary Henshaw and Dave Felgate settled their contractual differences with the club but the latter lost his place to Kevin Rose, through illness, for the visit of league leaders Bristol Rovers who had a 100 per cent record.

A 75th minute goal from David Reeves gave Bolton victory and a new club record of 20 league games without defeat was set up eclipsing the run of the 1934 team.

Unfortunately the unbeaten run came to

an end in the next game when a 67th minute blast from full back Pat Heard gave Rotherham the points at Millmoor. The Wanderers were left to wonder how it had all happened, having dominated the first half, Steve Thompson hitting the inside of the post with his second penalty miss of the season in what was his 250th game for the club.

Three minutes from time Robbie Savage outstretched to get in a shot in a desperate bid to save a point and in doing so tore groin and stomach muscles that would keep him out for the rest of the year.

Phil Neal immediately redressed the situation by signing Paul Comstive from Burnley for £37,500. It was the third time that Bolton had attempted to bring Comstive to Burnden and he was introduced to the crowd prior to the first leg of the second round Littlewoods Cup Tie against Watford.

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Wanderers proved they could be more than a match for second division opposition with a 2-1 win. Tony Philliskirk grabbed both goals, the decider coming seven minutes from time, Iwan Roberts getting the Hornets 'away goal'.

Leyton Orient were the next visitors to Burnden in a game that was something of an anti climax after the mid week cup tie.

Paul Comstive made his debut but it was Kevin Rose who proved to be match winner with a string of fine saves to keep the Londoners at bay. Barry Cowdrill gave Wanderers the lead three minutes from the interval with his 20 yard shot being his first league goal for the club.

Danny Carter forced a deserved equaliser for Leyton but Tony Philliskirk scored his third goal of the week to ensure a 2-1 win with twenty minutes remaining.

A minute chaos in the Bolton defence resulted in Notts County taking a two goal half

time lead in a mid week encounter at Meadow Lane.

Tommy Johnson shot County in front in the 33rd minute after collecting a long clearance and within a minute Gary Lund scored their second with an angled shot. Bolton eventually regained their composure but it wasn't until two minutes from time that Tony Philliskirk headed home a Paul Comstive cross to reduce the arrears.

It was agony for Kevin Rose as his mistake cost Bolton two points in a 1-1 draw with Mansfield Town at Burnden. Mark Winstanley headed his first goal of the season from a Steve Thompson corner, ten minutes from half time to put Wanderers in the driving seat. Rose, who had been the hero a week earlier, became the villain when he dropped a corner kick which allowed Steve Charles to nod a simple equaliser eight minutes from time.



Phil Neal introduces new signing Paul Comstive to the crowd prior to the Littlewoods Cup Tie against Watford.



October 1989



Whose goal? Julian Darby gets the credit for the winner in the 3-2 thriller against Wigan at Burnden.

New boy Paul Comstive repaid a large slice of his transfer fee with the goal that put the Wanderers into the 3rd round of the Littlewoods cup for only the second time in 12 years.

Iwan Roberts headed Watford in front after 49 minutes, levelling the aggregate score, then Dave Felgate, who was preferred to Kevin Rose, saw his goal under siege. Everything changed in the 68th minute when Julian Darby had a penalty appeal turned down and then almost immediately Paul Comstive smashed home the equaliser from a Steve Thompson corner.

Bolton held on for a nerve tingling final 20 minutes for a well deserved draw on the night and a 3-2 aggregate success.

Wigan, who were without a league victory, found themselves two goals to the good inside five minutes in the Lancashire Derby at Burnden. Firstly a Scott McGarvey free kick flew off Phil Brown's head and into the net then Mark Hilditch chipped over Dave Felgate.

Wanderers began their fight back in the

36th minute, Tony Philliskirk converting a penalty after Darren Patterson had handled, the second half becoming almost one way traffic. The equaliser had been on the cards long before Julian Darby's right foot blast from 25 yards found the net.

The winning goal for Bolton came two minutes from time with the credit eventually going to Julian Darby, Tony Philliskirk also putting in a claim, an own goal from Paul Beesley also seemed a possibility. One thing not in doubt however was that the Wanderers were placed sixth place in the table whilst Wigan slumped to bottom.

Steve Thompson was placed on the transfer list at his own request whilst Trevor Morgan was appearing with Irish League Club Shelbourne on loan.

Once again Bolton came from behind after going two goals down this time to draw 2-2 at Crewe Alexandra. Paul Clayton and Aaron Callaghan gave the home side the advantage just before the interval but David Reeves struck twice, two minutes after the

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restart and just three minutes from time, to earn a point.

David Reeves again got a double as the midweek trip to Brentford produced a 2-1 win. His first came in the 39th minute but Dean Holdsworth equalised three minutes later after capitalising on a wayward back pass from Dean Crombie. Reeves' winner was almost identical to his opener, again coming from a Steve Thompson corner, he was first to the ball to shoot past Tony Parks.

A goal from Tony Philliskirk just 24 seconds after the kick off was enough to give Bolton their first ever league victory over Chester City. The game itself didn't kick off until 3.16 due to Chester's late arrival at Burnden who included David Reeves' brother Alan in their side.

The Wanderers were linked with former Northern Ireland international Sammy McIlroy whilst leaving Burnden was Trevor Morgan who joined Colchester United in a £7,500 deal.

There was another dramatic comeback this time at second division Swindon Town in the 3rd round of the Littlewoods Cup. Substitute Mark Came, playing his first senior game since breaking his leg 14 months previous, was the hero with an equaliser in the final minute that tied the game up at 3-3.

It was no more than Bolton deserved having played their part in one of the most entertaining games of the season. Gary Henshaw, back in the side after Stuart Storer had failed a fitness test, opened the scoring in the 6th minute, Alan McLoughlin equalised for Town seven minutes later but Tony Philliskirk's 62nd minute curling shot put Bolton back in front.

Bolton then missed out on being awarded a blatant penalty and Town went up the field to equalise through Duncan Shearer. Ross MacLaren blasted Swindon in front eleven minutes from time but the 1100 Wanderers fans in the crowd were sent ecstatic with Came's equaliser.

The goalshow then went to Preston North

End where a 4-1 win placed the Wanderers in second spot just one point behind Bristol Rovers. Ian Stevens made his first appearance of the term in place of the injured David Reeves but the goals came from Tony Philliskirk, against his old club after only two minutes, Steve Thompson, Julian Darby and an own goal from keeper Alan Kelly. Pat Scully scored North End's consolation.

Unfortunately Bolton failed to find their form for the visit of Walsall with a 1-1 draw resulting. Julian Darby lashed in a 25 yard volley after 15 minutes but Keith Bertschin hit the equaliser in the 66th minute.

Phil Neal was awarded the third division Manager of the Month award in recognition of an eight match unbeaten run in league and cup.



Phil Neal



*No question this time!
Julian Darby hits home Wanderers third goal
in the 4-1 win at Preston North End.*



November 1989



Phil Brown's 25 yard shot on its way into the back of the net against Swindon Town in the first replay at Burnden.

Bolton said goodbye to another old favourite when Jeff Chandler joined Cardiff City in a £15,000 deal whilst it was their Welsh neighbours Swansea City who visited Burnden for the first game of the month.

For the second time in five days the Wanderers could have gone to the top of the table but again they slipped up having to settle for a point from a 0-0 draw whilst remaining in third place.

The best crowd at Burnden for a football match since May 1986, 11533, saw 120 minutes of exciting cup tie football fail to separate the Wanderers and Swindon for the right to play Southampton in the Littlewoods Cup 4th round.

Phil Brown fired Bolton in front with a 25 yard blast seven minutes into the second period of extra time, within two minutes however Swindon were level with Duncan Shearer heading past Dave Felgate. Bolton did win something that night though, the toss

for home advantage in the second replay.

After arriving at Bristol City just 23 minutes before kick off Bolton were slow to get going and went behind to an early Rob Newman goal. Full back Phil Brown scored his second of the week to equalise in the 33rd minute this being a reward for the sides steady recovery after a shaky start.

Two minutes from half time City had Bob Taylor sent off for flooring Mark Winstanley and the game went off the boil during the second period as 10 men City held on for the draw.

The saga with Swindon Town continued when the Wanderers best crowd for seven years saw another 1-1 draw after extra time in the second replay. Once again they were denied the chance of victory by the referee who disallowed a thundering 25 yard goal from Barry Cowdrill. Tony Philliskirk gave the Wanderers a 19th minute lead from the penalty spot after Colin Calderwood had handled

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and thirteen minutes later Town were awarded a penalty when Paul Comstive was harshly penalised for judging John Cornwell.

Dave Felgate threw himself to his left to save Ross MacLaren's kick but the keeper couldn't prevent Steve White scoring from close range three minutes from the interval to again level the scores.

A 68 years old club record was equalled with the draw against Swindon stretching the teams unbeaten home run to 27 games. The previous record was set between April 1920 and September 1921.

Cup tie football continued with a visit to Blackpool in the first round of the FA cup. There was to be no glory gained in this competition as the home side triumphed 2-1 in what was a disappointing tie.

Dean Crombie headed Bolton in front in the 63rd minute but the penalty was paid for assuming the game had been won there and then.

Three minutes later David Eyres equalised and then Andy Garner hit the winning goal.

Wanderers suffered the heartbreak of going out of two cup competitions in four days when Swindon Town ran out 2-1 winners in the third round Littlewoods cup tie at the

County Ground.

A patched up Bolton team were just three minutes away from forcing a fourth replay when a Ross MacLaren shot was deflected past Dave Felgate for a cruel winner.

Without Reeves, Philliskirk, Henshaw and Storer it appeared that the tie would be settled as a foregone conclusion. The stand ins, Paul Hughes, Mike Jeffrey, Mark Came and substitute Phil Neal all performed as heroes.

Steve White headed Swindon in front in the 59th minute but ten minutes later Mark Came headed home Barry Cowdrill's cross for the equaliser. And so into extra time where the Gods smiled kindly on Swindon.

A 75th minute goal from Dennis Bailey, for Birmingham City, sent Bolton to their first league defeat since September with both teams producing lack lustre displays at St. Andrews.

The Wanderers began their defence of the newly named Leyland DAF Cup with a 2-0 home win over Crewe Alexandra in the preliminary round. Julian Darby and Nicky Brookman scored the goals whilst Dave Felgate saved an Aiden Murphy penalty. Full back Phil Brown was given a run out at centre forward as the club's injury position worsened.



Nicky Brookman slots home the second goal against Crewe in the Leyland DAF Cup.

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December 1989



Julian Darby celebrates his 14th minute Boxing Day goal against Blackpool at Burnden.

Former England international Sammy Lee was offered the chance of returning to league football with the Wanderers but December opened badly on the Park.

Questions were already being asked as to whether or not the Swindon marathon had taken its toll as Northampton Town swept to a 3-0 win at Burnden thus ending the clubs 28 game unbeaten home record.

Bobby Barnes scored twice and Warren Donald hit the other for the Cobblers as Bolton slipped to 8th in the table.

The battle weary Wanderers returned to cup action with a visit to Wigan Athletic in the second preliminary game of the Leyland DAF cup. Despite suffering a 1-0 defeat they looked more like their old selves and still qualified for the knock out stages. Phil Daley scored the winning goal on the quarter hour.

After a weekend off due to the none involvement in the second round of the FA Cup

a new face appeared in the side for the visit to Shrewsbury Town. Martin Pike came to Burnden on a month's loan from Sheffield United and made his debut at left back.

Two first half goals from Steve Thompson put the Wanderers in control and it looked certain that the recent bleak spell would end. Willie Norton's introduction at half time for former Wanderer Asa Hartford, inspired Shrewsbury to level the scores through Paul Gorman and John McGinlay.

Stuart Storer then hit the crossbar with an angled shot before producing the cross in the 68th minute that set up Tony Philliskirk to head Bolton back in front. Seven minutes later the home side made it 3-3 when David Moyes headed home a free kick to deny Bolton their first league win in seven weeks.

Julian Darby set the Wanderers on the road to victory in the Boxing Day encounter with Blackpool at Burnden with a 14th minute

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goal. The visitors then lost full back Dave Burgess with a broken leg and threatened to produce a repeat performance of November's FA Cup tie by coming from behind to win.

Blackpool's hopes crashed though when in the 78th minute substitute Barry Cowdrill, who had been on the field only four minutes, raced onto a Dave Felgate clearance to drill a low shot past Vince Bartram and secure a 2-0 win.

The year ended on a high note when Bolton made it a holiday double by recording their first league win over Bury since August 1968 before Burnden's biggest league crowd for six years.

The jinx was ended in breathtaking style in what was an exciting clash between two closely matched teams with Wanderers leapfrogging over the Shakers into 4th place in the table.

Bury could have been two goals to the good in the opening quarter of an hour, Phil

Brown denying them their best chance with a goal line clearance.

Two goals in as many minutes then set Wanderers on their way. Julian Darby's header from a Barry Cowdrill corner was turned home by David Reeves for his first goal since mid October. Reeves then shot home the second with a powerful shot from a Martin Pike free kick.

Bury got back into the game in the 34th minute with a headed goal from Tony Cuningham which opened the way for a thrilling second half.

Barry Cowdrill, a mainspring of the attack after being recalled to play on the left side of midfield, looked to have restored Wanderers two goal advantage in the 54th minute but was denied by a linesman's flag. It wasn't until two minutes from time that Stuart Storer headed in the third goal to kill off any Bury hopes of recovery that would have been a travesty of justice after Bolton's second half domination.



Stuart Storer heads in the third goal against Bury—Wanderers last goal of the eighties.

January 1990



David Reeves puts away his second goal of the evening to defeat Lincoln City 2-1 in the Leyland DAF Cup.

There was controversy on New Years Day when the promotion clash with Tranmere Rovers at Prenton Park was postponed due to a water logged pitch, just one hour before the 7.30 kick off.

The game was re-scheduled for the following Saturday and the disappointment of the 2000 Wanderers fans who had travelled to the cancelled game was forgotten as they came from behind to wipe out a half time deficit and win 3-1.

Rovers, fielding new signing Neil McNab, took the lead with a 33rd minute penalty from Ian Muir after Martin Pike had been adjudged to have fouled Johnny Morrissey.

Bolton took the game by the scruff of the neck in the second half with three goals in 16 minutes. Julian Darby and Barry Cowdrill poached close range goals and Stuart Storer rounded it off with a 20 yard shot to put the Wanderers within four points of leaders Notts County.

Two goals from David Reeves saw off a stubborn Lincoln City side in the first round of the Leyland DAF cup at Burnden. His first came in the 12th minute and his winner a minute after Gordon Hobson had stunned the Wanderers with a 62nd minute equaliser.

After a sensational start in the game at Fulham the Wanderers were lucky to hang on to a point from a 2-2 draw. Martin Pike, wanted by Fulham and ending his month's loan with the Wanderers, sent a low shot into the net after only 50 seconds. Unfortunately his final appearance for the club lasted for only an hour when he was stretchered off with an ankle injury. He later joined the Cottagers from Sheffield United.

Steve Milton equalised for the Cottagers in the 7th minute but Stuart Storer gave Bolton the advantage with his third goal in four games. The tide turned again and Justin Skinner levelled the scores five minutes before the break. The second half produced

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fewer clear cut chances but Bolton breathed a sigh of relief when the referee waved away Fulham's claims for a penalty, after Mark Winstanley had brought down Clive Walker, seven minutes from time.

Only agile heroics of defiant keeper Roger Hansbury, once on loan with the Wanderers, kept Cardiff City in the hunt at Burnden. Tony Philliskirk got back onto the goal trail with a 23rd minute penalty after Steve Thompson had been tripped, hitting a second goal eight minutes from the interval from Dean Crombie's headed pass.

Cohen Griffiths pulled one back for the Welshmen, after first hitting the post with a fierce drive, but Paul Comstive struck his first league goal for the Wanderers 14 minutes from time to secure a 3-1 win.

Bolton then went to promotion rivals Bristol Rovers on a Sunday afternoon looking to end their unbeaten run and to take their first point from Twerton Park.

Although the Wanderers only succeeded in the latter, a 1-1 draw resulting, it was something of a moral victory after having had so much of the territorial advantage and a corner count of 20-2 in their favour.

Wanderers trailed to Andy Reece's 38th minute goal but came back strongly in the second half to extend their unbeaten run to eight games with an equaliser from Tony Philliskirk five minutes after the interval.

The Northern quarter final of the Leyland DAF Cup, against Rotherham United at Burnden, produced a finely balanced game which was decided in Bolton's favour in the 72nd minute when Stuart Storer pounced to hit the only goal after Kelham O'Hanlon had failed to hold a David Reeves header.



Stuart Storer celebrates his winner against Rotherham in the Northern Quarter finals of the Leyland DAF Cup.

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February 1990



Tony Philliskirk heads Bolton in front at Tranmere in the Northern semi final of the Leyland DAF Cup.

Bolton opened February with a blank Saturday after Leyton Orient suffered their first postponement at Brisbane Road in ten years. The game was called off at 12.15 after torrential rain caused the cancellation of every league game in the capital.

The Wanderers then faced Rotherham United again at Burnden this time with league points at stake. The visitors however were inspired to seek revenge after the Leyland DAF Cup defeat and took the lead in the 4th minute through Clive Mendonca.

The nearest Bolton came was when Tony Philliskirk headed against the bar but Mendonca settled the issue 11 minutes from time

after United had broke by way of a lucky ricochet.

Yet another postponement put the brakes on Wanderers promotion drive with the game against Huddersfield at Burnden off due to a water logged pitch.

Julian Darby was involved in his second goalscoring mystery of the season in Bolton's 2-0 win at Northampton. The first goal came after just 19 seconds, without a Northampton player touching the ball, David Reeves initially getting the credit before Darby was officially given the goal on video evidence.

The home side had Dean Thomas sent off six minutes from the end and in the dying

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seconds Steve Thompson made it 2-0 with a 20 yard curling free kick. Keeper Dave Felgate made his 150th league appearance for the club and celebrated with his first clean sheet since Boxing Day.

Any hopes of a return to Wembley in the Leyland DAF cup came to an end with a 2-1 defeat at Tranmere Rovers in the Northern semi final. It was a similar game to the league encounter the month previous with each team dominating for half the game.

It was the Wanderers turn to hold the upper hand in the first half which saw them take a 37th minute lead when Tony Philliskirk headed home a Paul Comstive free kick.

Eleven minutes after the break Rovers got back into it when Ian Muir got the final touch to a Jim Steel header for his fifth goal in successive games.

Stuart Storer had a golden opportunity to restore Bolton's lead when he raced clear of the home defence only to be denied by keeper Eric Nixon. Jim Steel settled the issue in Rovers favour 15 minutes from time when his header crept just inside the post.

Wanderers bounced back from the mid week cup defeat by defeating Birmingham City 3-1 at Burnden with David Reeves getting his fifth double of the season and ending a personal seven game drought.

The striker broke the deadlock just before half time and added a second after 59 minutes to put the game beyond reach.

Bolton made it just one defeat in their last ten league outings but they didn't begin like a side pushing for promotion. Yet by the time Steve Thompson scored a minute after the break, they were coasting and playing some entertaining football.

Birmingham netted a consolation goal three minutes from time through substitute Colin Gordon.



Steve Thompson rattles in Wanderers second against Birmingham City.

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March 1990



Tony Philliskirk watches his 'curler' travel towards the back of Notts County's net in the 3-0 win at Burnden.

Bolton's poor record at Reading continued when the Royals, who fancied themselves as an outside bet for the play offs, won 2-0. Mick Tait put them in front in the 21st minute with a quickly taken free kick that caught out Dave Felgate and from then on the Wanderers hopes slid away.

Mick Gooding rattled home their second in the 57th minute but Bolton were denied some consolation, in the shape of a late penalty, when Steve Thompson was sent sprawling by Linden Jones.

A 1-0 win at Mansfield Town the following Tuesday restored promotion hopes but the result didn't accurately reflect the way Bolton dominated the game. As it was Julian Darby's 57th minute goal, his 11th of the season, was enough to secure the points.

Wanderers, fifth in the table, then enter-

tained Notts County who were one place higher, four points to the good but having played a game more.

After a goalless first half, in which County had the edge, the deadlock was broken in the 51st minute when keeper Steve Cherry bungled a back pass from Dean Yates. From Paul Comstive's corner Julian Darby headed his second goal in five days to set the victory wheels in motion.

Tony Philliskirk made it two with a 69th minute volley that had the crowd in raptures and David Reeves made it 3-0 for a rampant Bolton side who repeated their feat of 12 months previous in scoring three times in the second half against County.

Scott Green, a 20 years old utility player arrived at Burnden from Derby County in a £50,000 deal. Although without any first team

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experience at County, he showed up well in a spell with Auran Pallo in Finland scoring 24 goals in 16 games. Another recruit was former England international John Gregory who was signed on a month's loan from Plymouth but was expected to stay until the end of the season

Bolton looked a shadow of their former selves in going down 2-0 at Wigan Athletic in a Friday evening encounter. Bryan Griffiths and a catastrophic own goal from Phil Brown sealed their fate, Tony Philliskirk having a 66th minute penalty saved, it was a night to forget.

Two home games in the space of four days was the opportunity for Wanderers to pick themselves up. Unfortunately the promotion jitters had set in and a 0-0 draw with Crewe Alexandra, in which John Gregory made his first appearance as substitute, was followed up by a 1-0 defeat at the hands of Brentford for whom Dean Holdsworth scored his 24th goal of the season.

Earlier in the week, Nicky Brookman joined Stockport County in a £15,000 transfer, whilst Gary Henshaw went to Rochdale on loan and Kevin Rose did likewise to Carlisle United

after a recent stay at Halifax where he failed to get a game.

Dean Crombie returned to the side at the expense of Mark Came for the visit to Leyton Orient where Mark Winstanley made his 100th league appearance. A goalless draw appeared to have stopped the rot but the lack of goals was a cause for concern.

John Gregory made his full debut in place of the suspended Steve Thompson at Chester but matters got worse with an own goal from Barry Cowdrill and a header from Graham Barrow in a first half that saw Bolton overran.

Chester eventually ran out 2-0 winners yet Bolton were still fifth in the table and on course for the play offs despite taking only two points from five games.

By failing to find the net at Sealand Road Bolton equalled a club record, set in 1898, of not scoring in five successive league games.



Scott Green—Wanderers £50,000 buy from Derby County.

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April 1990



Tony Philliskirk ends the goal famine—opening the scoring in the 3-0 home win over Reading.

Robbie Savage returned to the team for the visit of Reading as Burnden Park came alive to a revitalised Bolton who were well worth their 3-0 win.

All the anxiety that had built up in the previous three weeks was released when Tony Philliskirk scored with a close range shot to end 503 minutes without a goal.

The second goal came a minute after the interval ending any hopes of a Reading recovery, Philliskirk brushing a Robbie Savage shot past Steve Francis. Steve Thompson hit the third in the 57th minute with a curling free kick but only 4679, Burnden's smallest league gate of the season, witnessed it.

Relegation threatened Preston North End took the lead in the 50th minute at Burnden

but Wanderers were to spring one of the great escape acts of the season. Robbie Savage was lost in the 78th minute with a broken leg and this fired Bolton up who equalised in the 86th minute thanks to Tony Philliskirk.

Four minutes into injury time, after Steve Thompson had hit the post with a free kick, Philliskirk was there again, placing his shot past the helpless Alan Kelly for a 2-1 win.

Despite having a last minute penalty appeal turned down Wanderers were once again found wanting as they lost 2-1 at bottom club Walsall. Keith Bertschin scored both Saddlers goals, ten minutes either side of the break, Tony Philliskirk converting a penalty, awarded for handball, four minutes from time for Bolton's only reply.

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There was a distinct improvement in Wanderers performance against Tranmere at Burnden despite having to settle for a point from a 1-1 draw. Mark Came, preferred in the centre of defence to Dean Crombie, was lost after 35 minutes through injury but within 4 minutes Stuart Storer broke the deadlock.

Ian Muir levelled for Rovers after the interval during their only spell of domination, Bolton finishing the game well on top as Tranmere ended with ten men after Eddie Bishop, on the field for just eight minutes, was sent off.

Blackpool repeated their FA Cup performance by coming from behind to defeat Wanderers 2-1 at Bloomfield Road. Tony Philliskirk looked to have played a winning path with a goal midway through the second half that would have almost assured a play off place.

Four minutes were left on the clock when Gary Brook pinched an equaliser and in the final minute David Eyres caught the Bolton defence out to hit the winner.

David Reeves full of non stop endeavour took his blank spell to 11 games after missing

two glorious chances in the 1-0 home defeat by Shrewsbury Town. John McGinlay scored the winner in the 38th minute as a host of clubs began chasing the Wanderers hold on sixth spot in the division.

Scott Green made his first appearance for the club, coming on as substitute against Shrewsbury and made his full debut the following Tuesday in a 2-0 defeat by Bury at Gigg Lane. Goals from Andy Hill and Jamie Hoyland assured Bury of their place in the play offs with the final place now being contested by seven clubs.

Wanderers made themselves favourites for that final place by defeating league leaders Bristol City 1-0 at Burnden. City, who needed one point to make sure of promotion, were sunk by a 32nd minute strike from Scott Green that curled into the net away from Ronnie Sinclairs full length dive.



Scott Green opens his Bolton account—the winner against Bristol City.

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May 1990



Scott Green celebrates his goal with Julian Darby and David Reeves.

Wanderers went into their final home game of the season in the knowledge that victory against Huddersfield Town would secure a play off spot.

As it was it needed a dubious penalty equaliser 13 minutes from time by Tony Philiskirk to secure a 2-2 draw and extend the suspense to the final Saturday of the season.

Keith Edwards put Town in front but it took only 90 seconds for Scott Green to hammer home a reply. Five minutes after the interval the visitors again went in front when Craig Maskell capitalised on a Mark Came slip up but the late penalty rescued Wanderers from defeat.

The final play off spot rested between Bolton, who needed a point from their visit to Swansea and Birmingham, who had to defeat Reading at St. Andrews and hope Wanderers lost. The plot thickened as Reading still had a chance of a play off place, but needed a mathematical miracle, whilst Swansea needed a point to be sure of avoiding relegation.

Knowing an entire season's work could hinge on one error wasn't conducive to a flowing game of football. After suffering from nerves for 90 agonising minutes there was satisfaction for both sides from a 0-0 draw with Dave Felgate not having a single shot to save.

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Although Birmingham's home defeat by Reading left the point won in Wales as purely academic the Wanderers could take satisfaction that they had reached the play offs off their own back. Despite the inconsistencies they had not relied on other results but instead could now look forward to a two legged semi final play off with Notts County.

A crowd of 15,105, the best of the season, was at Burnden to see if Bolton could keep their record of never having lost a competitive game on a Sunday.

In a promising opening spell Wanderers took the lead from a 13th minute penalty by Tony Philliskirk. World Cup referee George Courtenay pointed to the spot when Nicky Platnauer bundled Stuart Storer over.

This looked like the foundation for a first leg lead but County equalised two minutes from the interval when Gary Lund headed in Dean Thomas's inswinging corner.

It was a case of stage fright for Bolton who saw only one clear cut chance during the second period, Julian Darby breaking free only to have his shot smothered by Steve Cherry.

A 1-1 draw left Wanderers knowing they had to score in the second leg at Meadow Lane but they had a hill to climb 90 seconds into the match when Tommy Johnson put County in front.

It wasn't until the opening period of the second half that Bolton got their game together. In the space of four minutes two good chances were created, Steve Cherry making a one handed save from Tony Philliskirk and Dean Crombie failing to get a touch to a corner kick with an open goal in front of him.

This pressure continued but County killed the tie in the 65th minute when Kevin Bartlett broke clear to score and secure County's passage to Wembley on a 3-1 aggregate.



Player of the year — Barry Cowdrill.



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	Date	H/A	Opponent	F	A	Scorers	Attn.
1.	Aug. 19	A	Cardiff C.	2	0	Philliskirk, Darby	4,376
2.	26	H	Fulham	0	0		5,524
3.	Sep. 2	A	Huddersfield-	1	1	Crombie	7,872
4.	9	H	Bristol R.	1	0	Reeves	5,913
5.	16	A	Rotherham U.	0	1		6,846
6.	23	H	Leyton O.	2	1	Cowdrill, Philliskirk	5,951
7.	26	A	Notts. Co.	1	2	Philliskirk	5,392
8.	30	H	Mansfield T.	1	1	Winstanley	5,797
9.	Oct. 7	H	Wigan A.	3	2	Philliskirk (Pen), Darby (2)	6,462
10.	14	A	Crewe A.	2	2	Reeves (2)	4,284
11.	17	A	Brentford	2	1	Reeves (2)	4,537
12.	21	H	Chester C.	1	0	Philliskirk	6,496
13.	28	A	Preston NE	4	1	Philliskirk, Thompson, Darby, Kelly (OG)	9,135
14.	31	H	Walsall	1	1	Darby	7,363
15.	Nov. 4	H	Swansea C.	0	0		6,618
16.	11	A	Bristol C.	1	1	Brown	11,994
17.	25	A	Birmingham	0	1		8,081
18.	Dec. 2	H	Northampton	0	3		5,501
19.	16	A	Shrewsbury	3	3	Thompson (2), Philliskirk	3,443
20.	26	H	Blackpool	2	0	Darby, Cowdrill	9,944
21.	30	H	Bury	3	1	Reeves (2), Storer	10,628
22.	Jan. 6	A	Tranmere R.	3	1	Cowdrill, Darby, Storer	8,273
23.	13	A	Fulham	2	2	Pike, Storer	4,523
24.	20	H	Cardiff C.	3	1	Philliskirk (2)(1Pen), Comstive	7,017
25.	28	A	Bristol R.	1	1	Philliskirk	7,722
26.	Feb. 10	H	Rotherham U.	0	2		7,728
27.	17	A	Northampton	2	0	Darby, Thompson	3,432
28.	24	H	Birmingham	3	1	Reeves (2), Thompson	7,618
29.	Mar. 3	A	Reading	0	2		4,461
30.	5	A	Mansfield T.	1	0	Darby	3,334
31.	10	H	Notts. Co.	3	0	Darby, Philliskirk, Reeves	8,420
32.	16	A	Wigan A.	0	2		6,850
33.	20	H	Crewe A.	0	0		7,241
34.	24	H	Brentford	0	1		6,156
35.	27	A	Leyton Orient	0	0		3,296
36.	31	A	Chester	0	2		2,738
37.	Apr. 3	H	Reading	3	0	Philliskirk (2), Thompson	4,679
38.	7	H	Preston NE	2	1	Philliskirk (2)	8,266
39.	10	A	Walsall	1	2	Philliskirk (Pen)	3,376
40.	14	H	Tranmere R.	1	1	Storer	9,070
41.	16	A	Blackpool	1	2	Philliskirk	5,435
42.	21	H	Shrewsbury	0	1		5,665
43.	24	A	Bury	0	2		6,551
44.	28	H	Bristol C.	1	0	Green	11,098
45.	May 1	H	Huddersfield	2	2	Green, Philliskirk (Pen)	8,550
46.	5	A	Swansea C.	0	0		5,623
PO 1	13	H	Notts Co.	1	1	Philliskirk (Pen)	15,105
PO 2	16	A	Notts Co.	0	2		15,200

F. A. CUP

1.	Nov. 18	A	Blackpool	1	2	Crombie	7,309
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LEAGUE CUP (Littlewoods Cup)

1.1L	Aug. 22	A	Rochdale	1	2	Thompson (Pen)	3,464
1.2L	29	H	Rochdale	5	1	Philliskirk, Reeves, Savage, Cowdrill, Darby	4,637
2.1L	Sep. 19	H	Watford	2	1	Philliskirk (2)	6,856
2.2L	Oct. 3	A	Watford	1	1	Comstive	8,452
3.	24	S	Swindon T.	3	3	Henshaw, Philliskirk, Came	8,318
3.R	Nov. 7	H	Swindon T.	1	1	* Brown	11,533
3.2R	14	H	Swindon T.	1	1	* Philliskirk (Pen)	14,129
3.3R	21	A	Swindon T.	1	2	* Came	11,238

After extra time.

LEYLAND DAF CUP

P.	Nov. 29	H	Crewe A.	2	0	Darby, Brookman	3,868
P.	Dec. 5	A	Wigan A.	0	1		2,306
1.	Jan. 9	H	Lincoln C.	2	1	Reeves (2)	4,420
OF	31	H	Rotherham	1	0	Storer	6,838
SF	Feb. 20	A	Tranmere R.	1	2	Philliskirk	9,315

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EVER PRESENT

Julian Darby



Phil Brown

OTHER FIRST TEAM GAMES



Wanderers line up before facing Dundalk in Ramsey

ISLE OF MAN TOURNAMENT

23rd July 1989

v Motherwell (at Castletown)

Lost 0-1

Team: Felgate, Brown, Cowdrill, Savage,
Crombie, Winstanley, Chandler,
Thompson, Reeves, Philliskirk, Darby.

Subs: Storer for Chandler,
Brookman for Cowdrill.

25th July 1989

v Dundalk (at Ramsey)

Won 1-0

Scorer: Jeffrey

Team: Rose, Brown, Brookman, Savage,
Crombie, Winstanley, Storer, Thompson,
Reeves, Philliskirk, Darby.

Subs: Jeffrey for Philliskirk,
Stevens for Reeves.

28th July 1989

v Swansea City (at Ramsey)

Lost 1-2

Scorer: Thompson (Pen.)

Team: Rose, Brown, Neal, Henshaw,
Crombie, Winstanley, Storer, Thompson,
Reeves, Philliskirk, Darby. Subs: Chandler

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LANCASHIRE MANX CUP

5th August 1989

v Burnley (A)

Drew 2-2

Scorer: Reeves (2). Att: 4,547

Team: Felgate, Brown, Cowdrill, Savage,
Crombie, Winstanley, Storer, Thompson,

Reeves, Philliskirk, Darby.

Subs: Henshaw for Savage.

8th August 1989

v Wigan Athletic (A)

Lost 0-1 Att: 2,500

Team: Rose, Brown, Crombie, Owen,
Darby, Winstanley, Storer, Thompson,
Reeves, Philliskirk, Chandler.

Subs: Jeffrey for Philliskirk,

Henshaw for Storer.

12th August 1989

v Blackburn Rovers (H)

Won 3-1

Scorers: Jeffrey (2), Savage. Att 2,970

Team: Rose, Brown, P. Hughes, Savage,
Crombie, Winstanley, Henshaw,

Thompson, Storer, Jeffrey, Darby.

Subs: Owen for Brown.

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10th August 1989

v Manchester City (H)

Lost 0-2 Att: 8,783

Team: Felgate, Brown, P. Hughes, Owen,
Crombie, Winstanley, Henshaw,

Thompson, Reeves, Stevens, Darby.

Subs: Jeffrey for Stevens, Storer for Henshaw.



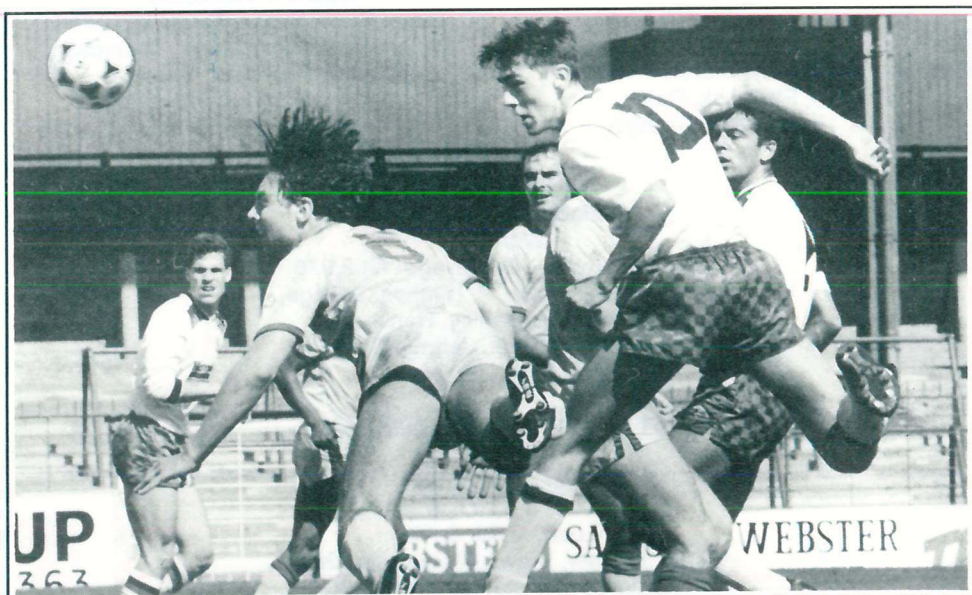
Jeff Chandler and Gary Owen in action against Wigan Athletic.

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In Reserve 1989/90



Mike Jeffrey—the reserves leading goalgetter, heads home his second goal in the Lancashire Cup win against Blackburn Rovers.

After missing out on promotion by goal difference the previous term the form shown during the opening five months cost Wanderers any chance of figuring in the race once again.

There was little consistency in the opening weeks with a number of young players getting their baptism at this level earlier than expected due to injuries.

There was an enterprising start, a 1-1 draw with Sheffield Wednesday at Hillsborough, Keiron Hughes scoring on his debut but then 12 goals were conceded in the next three fixtures which all ended in defeat.

Darren Oliver scored his first reserve goal to give Bolton a 1-0 win at Burnley but it was on home soil that results proved to make grim

reading. Eight games were lost at Burnden, compared to only 5 away, the first home win coming during November thanks to an Ian Stevens goal against Barnsley.

When the Wanderers did lose away from home they put up some terrific performances, notably in a 3-2 reverse at eventual champions Sunderland and in a 4-3 defeat at Stoke City.

By the turn of the year Wanderers were in the re-election zone but a magnificent turn around saw them lose only 3 of their final 18 games.

The return to goalscoring form by Mike Jeffrey helped matters, the youngster having missed most of the early part of the season through injury, hit 10 goals in 13 games to

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make him leading scorer for the term with a total of 12.

He was partnered up front in the latter stages by another youngster in Steve Birks, who made his full debut in a 2-2 draw at Wolves. This game perhaps highlighted more than any other the reserves character when they fought back from a two goal deficit with Mike Jeffreys equaliser, his second of the evening, coming from an almost impossible angle.

The best victory of the season was a 5-1 defeat of Grimsby town at Blundell Park but two days later Wanderers had to settle for only a point against the same opponents at Burnden in a goalless draw.

Players who performed consistently well during the term include left back Darren Oliver, who suffered with injury in the latter stages, centre half Alan Stubbs and midfielder Neil Fisher, who caused opposing defences numerous problems with his powerful runs at goal. Nicky Spooner was involved in every game whilst Gareth Gray showed the form in goal that prompted Rochdale to pay £5,000 for his services during the close season, although Bolton will retain an interest in any further transfer.



Neil Fisher

OTHER RESERVE GAMES

28th July, 1989.

Friendly v Bootle (A)

Lost 1-2

Scorer: Spooner

1st August, 1989.

Friendly v Knowsley Utd. (A)

Drew 2-2

Scorers: Stevens, P. Hughes

8th August, 1989.

Friendly v Atherton LR (A)

Won 2-1

Scorers: Stubbs, P. Hughes (Pen)

12th August, 1989.

Friendly v Westhoughton Town (A)

Won 4-1

Scorers: K. Hughes (2), Edge, Oliver

16th August, 1989.

Friendly v Altrincham (A)

Lost 1-3

Scorer: Philliskirk

FA YOUTH CUP

26th September, 1989.

Qualifying Round v Halifax Town (A)

Lost 0-2

LANCASHIRE FA YOUTH CUP

4th December, 1989.

2nd Round v Manchester United (H)

Lost 0-4

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Pontins Central League-Div.2

	Date	H/A	Opponent	F	A	Scorers
1.	Aug. 23	A	Sheffield W.	1	1	Hughes (K)
2.	30	H	Stoke C.	3	4	Stevens, Neal, Bentham
3.	Sept. 6	A	West Brom.	1	5	Stubbs
4.	13	H	York C.	2	3	Stevens, Hughes (P), (Pen)
5.	20	A	Burnley	1	0	Oliver
6.	27	H	Blackpool	0	1	
7.	Oct. 2	A	Mansfield	4	2	Stevens, Chandler, Jeffrey, Stubbs
8.	11	H	Preston NE	0	0	
9.	18	A	Port Vale	1	1	Mason
10.	25	H	Wolves	1	2	Fisher
11.	Nov. 15	A	Sunderland	2	3	Stevens, Brookman
12.	22	A	Scunthorpe	1	3	Neal
13.	29	H	Barnsley	1	0	Stevens
14.	Dec. 13	H	Middlesbrough	1	4	Hughes (P)
15.	Jan. 3	A	Stoke City	3	4	Hughes (P) (Pen), Brookman 2
16.	10	H	Sheffield W.	2	4	Spooner, Stevens
17.	17	A	York C.	1	1	Hughes (P) (Pen)
18.	Feb. 7	A	Blackpool	3	1	Savage, Jeffrey, Henshaw
19.	12	A	Preston NE	0	0	
20.	21	H	Mansfield T.	1	0	Fisher
21.	Mar. 5	H	Port Vale	2	1	Jeffrey, Stevens
22.	12	A	Rotherham U.	1	1	Jeffrey
23.	14	H	Scunthorpe	1	0	Stevens
24.	22	A	Barnsley	2	4	Jeffrey, Fisher
25.	28	A	Wolves	2	2	Jeffrey 2
26.	30	H	Wigan A.	0	2	
27.	Apr. 2	A	Grimsby T.	5	1	Jeffrey 2, Birks 2, Neal
28.	4	H	Grimsby T.	0	0	
29.	9	H	West Brom.	1	0	Jeffrey
30.	18	H	Rotherham U.	1	3	Jeffrey
31.	23	H	Burnley	1	0	Comstive
32.	26	A	Middlesbrough	1	1	Stubbs
33.	30	A	Wigan A.	0	0	
34.	May 2	H	Sunderland	1	1	Jeffrey

CENTRAL LEAGUE - DIVISION 2 FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sunderland	34	20	8	6	68	32	68
Rotherham Utd.	34	20	6	8	61	31	66
Sheffield W.	34	19	6	9	69	36	63
Wolverh'm. W.	34	17	10	7	71	43	61
West Brom. A.	34	16	10	8	64	36	58
Stoke City	34	14	8	12	50	44	50
Middlesbrough	34	12	13	9	48	34	49
Barnsley	34	15	4	15	54	50	49
Scunthorpe Utd.	34	14	7	13	48	47	49
Port Vale	34	13	9	12	58	63	48
York City	34	13	5	16	43	53	44
Bolton Wand.	34	10	11	13	47	55	41
Mansfield T.	34	12	5	17	36	55	41
Wigan Ath.	34	11	7	16	41	49	40
Blackpool	34	10	9	15	40	60	39
Preston N.E.	34	10	5	19	30	71	35
Grimsby Town	34	6	8	20	35	65	26
Burnley	34	7	3	24	30	69	24



Paul Comstive, hit the winner against his former club Burnley at Burnden.

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LANCASHIRE FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION ONE FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Man. Utd. A.	28	18	6	4	88	27	60
Man. City A.	28	17	7	4	88	42	58
Crewe Alex. A.	28	13	3	7	104	50	57
Everton A.	28	17	4	7	69	36	55
Blackburn Rov. A.	28	17	2	9	61	40	53
Liverpool A.	28	15	4	9	71	43	49
Rochdale Res.	28	13	4	11	51	55	43
Preston N.E. A.	28	8	8	12	62	66	32
Carlisle Utd. Res.	28	8	7	13	49	59	31
Morcambe Reserves	28	9	4	15	36	81	31
Bolton Wand. A.	28	9	3	16	50	58	30
Marine Res.	28	6	8	14	34	60	26
Burnley Res.	28	7	4	17	45	91	25
Accrington Stan. Res.	28	7	4	17	29	84	25
WMIST	28	5	4	19	31	76	19



Gary Henshaw—15 Reserve appearances, his only goal coming in the 3-1 win at Blackpool.



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Pontin's League

AUG.	Mon. 27	Bradford City	(H)
SEPT.	Wed. 5	Barnsley	(H)
	Tue. 11	Preston N.E.	(A)
	Wed. 19	Burnley	(H)
	Wed. 26	Notts County	(H)
OCT.	Wed. 3	Scunthorpe Utd.	(A)
	Wed. 10	Middlesbrough	(A)
	Wed. 17	Blackpool	(H)
	Wed. 24	West Brom. Alb.	(A)
	Wed. 31	Scunthorpe Utd.	(H)
NOV.	Mon. 5	Mansfield Town	(A)
	Wed. 14	Grimsby Town	(H)
	Tue. 20	Grimsby Town	(A)
	Wed. 28	Mansfield Town	(H)
DEC.	Wed. 5	Port Vale	(H)
	Tue. 11	Oldham Athletic	(A)
	Wed. 19	Stoke City	(A)
JAN.	Wed. 9	Hull City	(H)
	Wed. 16	Barnsley	(A)
	Wed. 23	Bradford City	(A)
	Wed. 30	Preston N.E.	(H)
FEB.	Wed. 6	Burnley	(A)
	Mon. 11	Stoke City	(H)
	Wed. 20	Hull City	(A)
	Wed. 27	Port Vale	(A)
MAR.	Wed. 6	Oldham Athletic	(H)
	Wed. 20	York City	(H)
	Tue. 26	Wigan Athletic	(A)
APRIL	Wed. 3	York City	(A)
	Wed. 10	Wigan Athletic	(H)
	Tue. 16	Notts County	(A)
	Wed. 24	West Brom. Alb.	(H)
MAY	Wed. 1	Middlesbrough	(H)
	Wed. 8	Blackpool	(A)

Barclays League—3rd Division

AUG.	Sat. 25	Shrewsbury Town	(A)
	Wed. 29	Huddersfield Town	(A)
	Sat. 1	Bradford City	(H)
	Tue. 4	Huddersfield T.	(H)
	Sat. 8	Huddersfield T.	(A)
	Sat. 15	Crewe Alex.	(H)
	Tue. 18	Preston N.E.	(H)
	Sat. 22	Brentford	(A)
	Fri. 28	Wigan Ath.	(A)
SEPT.	Tue. 2	Mansfield T.	(H)
	Sat. 6	Stoke City	(H)
	Sat. 13	Bury	(A)
	Sat. 20	Leyton Orient	(A)
	Tue. 23	Rotherham Utd.	(H)
	Sat. 27	Swansea City	(H)
	Sat. 3	Chester City	(A)
	Sat. 10	Reading	(H)
	Sat. 24	Grimsby Town	(A)
DEC.	Sat. 1	Tranmere Rovers	(H)
	Sat. 15	Fulham	(A)
	Sat. 22	Cambridge Utd.	(H)
	Wed. 26	Southend Utd.	(A)
	Sat. 29	Birmingham C.	(A)
JAN.	Tue. 1	A.F.C. Bournemouth	(H)
	Sat. 5	Exeter C.	(H)
	Sat. 12	Bradford City	(A)
	Sat. 19	Shrewsbury T.	(H)
	Fri. 25	Crewe Alex.	(A)
FEB.	Sat. 2	Preston N.E.	(A)
	Tue. 5	Brentford	(H)
	Sat. 9	Huddersfield T.	(H)
	Wed. 13	Exeter City	(A)
	Sat. 16	Grimsby Town	(H)
	Sat. 23	Reading	(A)
MAR.	Fri. 1	Tranmere R.	(A)
	Sat. 9	Fulham	(H)
	Tue. 12	Mansfield T.	(A)
	Sat. 16	Wigan Ath.	(H)
	Tue. 19	Bury	(H)
	Sat. 23	Stoke C.	(A)
	Sat. 10	Southend Utd.	(H)
APRIL	Mon. 1	Cambridge Utd.	(A)
	Sat. 6	Birmingham C.	(H)
	Sat. 13	A.F.C. Bournemouth	(A)
	Sat. 20	Leyton Orient	(H)
	Sat. 27	Rotherham United	(A)
MAY	Sat. 4	Swansea City	(A)
	Sat. 11	Chester City	(H)
	Sat. 18	F.A.CUP FINAL	